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North Carolina Businesses Secure 52 New State Contracts in 2010
Perdue's NC Business Preference program kept \$2.7 million in tax dollars in-state

RALEIGH – Thanks to Gov. Bev Perdue's North Carolina Business Preference program, in 2010 North Carolina companies received 52 new state contracts worth nearly \$2.7 million. That means those tax dollars were kept in-state, invested in North Carolina businesses, instead of being spent with out-of-state companies.

"Why spend our tax dollars outside the state when there are numerous homegrown companies right here that can offer us the same products at competitive prices?" said Gov. Perdue. "Especially right now, as we pull out of this global economic recession, it's critical to do everything we can to support businesses and keep people on the payrolls across the state."

As part of her effort to set government straight and grow jobs, Gov. Perdue signed Executive Order 50, which created the North Carolina Business Preference Program, a price-matching option for North Carolina businesses bidding on state contracts. Under the program, if a North Carolina-based business is not the low bidder on a state contract, but submits a bid within 5 percent or \$10,000 of the lowest bid, whichever is less, the North Carolina business will receive the opportunity to match the out-of-state bidder's price and secure the contract.

Gov. Perdue reminds North Carolina businesses bidding on contracts to follow the procedures for Executive Order No. 50, and check the box entitled Resident Bidder requests the price-matching preference.